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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, |) | Case No.: | 3:07-cr- 134 (JBA) |
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| v. |) | APPEARA | NCE AT ARRAIGNMENT |
| IONIA MANAGEMENT S.A., and EDGARDO MERCURIO, Defendants |) | | |

IONIA MANAGEMENT S.A., (hereinafter "IONIA"), along with its undersigned counsel acknowledge the following, and petition the Court to accept this waiver of personal appearance at arraignment pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure Rule 10(b):

- 1) IONIA affirms that it has received a copy of the Indictment in this case;
- 2) IONIA understands that it has the right to have a corporate representative appear personally before the Court for an arraignment on the charges set forth in the Indictment, and voluntarily waives this right; and,
- 3) IONIA pleads NOT GUILTY to each and every count in the Indictment.

IONIA has conferred with undersigned counsel and fully understands all of the above, and it respectfully submits this petition to enter pleas of NOT GUILTY in its absence.

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IT IS ORDERED that defendant's waiver is hereby accepted, and its pleas of not guilty are entered on the record with the Clerk of the Court.

Hon. W Gorhald